OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE BUDGET SESSION, 1121

Wednesday, *the* *7th August 1946.* / *22nd Karkadagam 1121.*

The Council met in the Council Hall Ernakulam, at half past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble President (Sir George Boag, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.) in the Chair.

Rao Bahadur T. S. Narayana Ayyar and Messrs. P. E. Warne and C. N. Ittiravi Namboodiri were absent.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Mr. President, Sir, before proceeding with the regular business of this House this morning, I would like to bring to your notice the question of insufficiency of accommodation in the public gallery of this House. Sir, you know.....

Mr. President: Order, order. I do not think this is the right time to raise that subject.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will you give me an opportunity to raise this matter on another occassion?

Mr. President: The regular manner of making representations of this sort is either by means of a question or by introducing a resolution.

1. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

AVENUE TREES

189. Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Will Government be pleased to give the number of avenue trees newly planted in each of the Taluks in the State in 1119, 1120 and 1121?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Public Health):*
List showing the details of new planting in each of the Taluk is appended. (*Appendix I*).

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan (*Ezhuvas-Kanayanur*): Do the Government think that sufficient number of avenue trees have been planted?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Public Health):* No, Government do not think so. Government think that more trees can be planted.

Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know, why Chittur is totally left out in this matter of planting of trees?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Public Health):* There are many trees already there.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the avenue tress are cut down only for the protection of the roads and to the prejudice of pedestrians?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Minister for Public Health*): Yes; because some of the trees were very old and dangerous to the pedestrians, they were cut off and there they have planted also new trees.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Can I take it Sir, that only such trees alone were cut off?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Minister for Public Health*): Old trees which are dangerous to the Public and some trees which are closely planted are cut off.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* You have also done otherwise.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: അവസ്സവൃക്ഷങ്ങൾമാത്രമേ എന്നു പറയുന്നതു് ഏതു തരത്തിലുള്ള വൃക്ഷങ്ങളാണു്?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Public Health):* I am not able to give you an off-hand answer now.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunny *(Nellayi):* Is it your case, that the trees so cut off, are damaging the road surface?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Minister for Public Health*): To some extent.

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Mr. C. R. Iyyunny *(Nellayi)*: Has the Government taken expert advice in regard to this matter before new plantations are made?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Public Health)*: Yes; and the advice given is that the trees may be planted at a distance of about 40 ft. from each other.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunny *(Nellayi)*: If they are planted 14 ft. from each other, the branches will inter.....

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Public Health)*: Not 14 ft. I said 40 ft. from each other.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunny *(Nellayi)*: Do the branches go over the main road of 18 ft. and 20 ft?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Public Health)*: It all depends upon the growth of the trees and the length of the branches.

മിസ്റ്റർ ജോസ് കെ. വർഗ്ഗീസ്: കരിങ്കല്ലും ടാറും ഇട്ടിട്ടില്ലാത്ത റോഡുകൾക്ക് അവ നു വൃക്ഷങ്ങൾ ദോഷമാണെന്ന ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനു ബോദ്ധ്യമുണ്ടോ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Public Health)*: Not so very dangerous; Not very bad.

റാവു സാഹിബ് കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ: റോഡിനു മോശം സംഭവിക്കുമെങ്കിലും റോഡുമുഴുവൻ അവനൃവൃക്ഷങ്ങൾ വെക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്ന Common sense ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനുണ്ടോ?

Mr Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Public Health)*: The avenue trees are very useful for pedestrians, because they give shade. But at the same time Government must protect the roads also. Government should see that their roads are properly maintained and not damaged. Therefore the advice given is, it is better to plant trees 40 ft. apart.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: If the trees are planted 40 ft. apart will it give sufficient shade to the pedestrains?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Public Health)*: Here, we do not want extensive shade in our roads. Government think if trees are planted 40 ft. from each other on both sides of the roads at intervening spaces, there will be sufficient shade for the pedestrians.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: If there is to be shade on the road, there must be branches over the road. And if there are branches over the road, damage will be caused.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: I would like to say a few words, Sir. In a place like Malabar where you have got continuous rains for more than six months in the year, avenue trees planted close to the road surface are definitely injurious to the road, because of the constant dropping of water from the trees spoiling the surface of the roads. And it is also appreciated that people must have shade for walking along the roads. So, as a compromise, I have reported to the Director of Agriculture that new planting may be made at a distance of 20 ft. from the centre of the road. That makes a total distance of about 40 ft. between trees and will give a reasonable amount of shade for pedestrians. In a place like Malabar, again, where roads pass through inhabited areas, there are also trees in the compounds adjacent to roads. In any case, they are having new trees about 20 ft. from the centre of the road and that gives a fair amount of shade for the pedestrians.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: Have the Government calculated the maintenance amount that will be required to make good the damages caused to the surface of the roads by falling drops from the avenue trees?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: One thing I have noticed is, where trees are closely planted, the expenditure for repairs to roads is very much more than where the roads get a chance of drying.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: What will be the expenditure to repair the damages?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: An accurate calculation is not possible in this case, but we have noticed that roads which have closely-planted avenue trees require a greater amount for maintenance than others.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam)*: Does the Government think that the providing of shade to pedestrians is of paramount importance?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: I do not class it as one of paramount an importance. It gives convenience to pedestrians. But to preserve good surface for cars and other fast traffic is very much more important than this duty of giving shade.

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Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* If that is more important, that can be done by maintenance of roads properly.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It is very important to provide good smooth surface for cars and fast vehicles.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Are the Government aware that roads where we have good avenue trees now, are not very bad?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* They deteriorate quicker and require greater attention.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* If they are comparatively bad repair them constantly. Do not the Government think that giving shade to the padestrians is a necessity ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Public Health) :* It is a convenience, Sir.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur) :* Do not the Government think it is a necessity ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Public Health):* As I said it is not an absolute necessity. It is a kind of comfort and convenience.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunny *(Nellayi):* Is it the intention of the Government to shell-crete or concrete the roads all over the State ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Public Health):* That I cannot say now.

Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Is it the policy of Government to insist that the avenue trees planted are fruit bearing trees ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Public Health) :* Yes, There is that intention also.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണനെഴുത്തച്ഛൻ: Shade കൊടുക്കുന്ന വൃക്ഷങ്ങളാണ് വെക്കേണ്ടതെന്നുള്ള ഗവൺമെണ്ടു തീരുമാനിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പി ലോനപ്പൻ: ഇല്ല.

Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam) :* May I know whether any kind of trees other than fruit bearing trees have been planted in these roads?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Public Health):* Yes. I think in some places.

TEXTILES—PERMITS

190. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. കൊച്ചുകുട്ടൻ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) Textile Field Officer മാരുടെ പെർമിറ്റുപ്രകാരം തുണിക്കടകളിൽനിന്നു വസ്തും കിട്ടാതിരുന്നിട്ടുള്ളതായി പൊതുജനങ്ങളുടെ വല്ല ആക്ഷേപവും ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ; ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ഗവൺമെണ്ടു എന്തു നടവടിയാണ് ആ തുണികച്ചവടക്കാരുടെമേൽ എടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതു;

(ബി) സ്റ്റോക്കു തീർന്നുപോയി എന്നു പറഞ്ഞിട്ടാണ് പെർമിറ്റുകാരെ മടക്കി അയക്കുന്നതെങ്കിൽ Field Officer മാർ സ്റ്റോക്കു നോക്കിയിട്ടല്ലെ പെർമിറ്റു കൊടുക്കുന്നതു;

(സി) Field Officer മാർ Stock Registers വെയ്ക്കാറില്ലെ?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ:

(എ) ഉണ്ടു. ചില കച്ചവടക്കാർ ആവശ്യക്കാക്കു തുണി വില്ക്കുവാൻ കൂട്ടാക്കിയില്ല എന്നുള്ള ആക്ഷേപങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. ആ കുറ്റക്കാരുടെമേൽ വേണ്ട നടവടികളും നടത്തുകയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടു. കുറ്റത്തിന്റെ ഗൌരവമനുസരിച്ചു ഒരു നിശ്ചിത കാലത്തേക്കു ചില കേസ്സുകളിൽ ലൈസൻസ്സു സസ്പെണ്ടു ചെയ്യുകയും മറ്റു കേസ്സുകളിൽ ലൈസൻസ്സു സസ്പെണ്ടു ചെയ്യുകയും കോടതി നിൽക്കലാക്കുകയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടു.

(ബി) അതെ.

(സി) ഉണ്ടു.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. കൊച്ചുകുട്ടൻ: എത്ര ആളുകളുടെ പേരിൽ ഇതുവരെ ഗവൺമെണ്ടു നടപടി എടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടു.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* The exact number is not known.

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Mr. President: Does the Hon'ble Member require more time to finish his speech?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Only half-an-hour more, Sir.

Mr. President: Then, the Hon'ble Member may continue his speech on the next day alloted for Bills.

The House rose for the day at 5 p.m.

N. S. RADHAKRISHNA SARMA
Secretary to the Council

APPENDIX I

(See answer to Question No. 189)

Name of Taluk	No. of trees newly planted in 1119	No. of troes newly planted in 1120	No. of trees newly planted in 1121	Remarks
Cochin-Kanayannur ..	Nil	110	300	
Cranganur ..	Nil	Nil	40	
Mukundapuram ..	445	80	Nil	
Trichur ..	175	Nil	280	
Talappalli ..	Nil	276	Nil	
Chittur ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Total ..	620	466	620	

APPENDIX II

(See answer to Question No. 199)

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Sections 4, 5, and 6 of the Cochin Public Canals and Backwarters Navigation Act, I of 1092, as amended up-to-date Government are pleased to issue the following Notification under Rule 95 of the Navigation Rules in so far as they relate to Navigation within Port limits.

1. All country crafts carrying passengers to and from Willingdon Island should touch only at the places that have been or may here-after be set apart for the purpose.

2. Vessels of less than 1 ton registered tonnage shall not be used for carrying passengers within the Harbour area and no vessel should carry a greater number of passengers than that noted on the vessels and in the license granted to her.

3. The license of country craft carrying passengers within the Harbour area shall always be carried in the vessel and produced whenever required to do so by canal officer of and above the rank of a Canal Lascar, by any Police officer of and above the rank of a constable and any officer of the Port detailed for the purpose of checking these vessels.

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